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28 MAY 1986

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Executive Secretary
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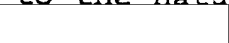
Dear 

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your message and for your expression of sympathy on the loss of our seven astronauts in the disaster aboard the space shuttle CHALLENGER. The President and Mrs. Reagan deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness of the many people who have written in the aftermath of this tragic incident to share their grief. Thank you also for the poems you enclosed, and for telling the President about your correspondence with Christa McAuliffe. The President and Mrs. Reagan know that the teachers of this nation, and young people like the girls at  School, felt the loss of Christa McAuliffe and her fellow crew members especially keenly.

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As I am sure you know, the President is strongly committed to the continuation of the space program. In his conversations with the family members of those who died, he was invariably told of their conviction that the space program must not be abandoned as a result of this disaster. The Presidential commission established to investigate the CHALLENGER tragedy is working to identify the cause or causes of the explosion which destroyed the CHALLENGER, and, after it makes its findings, every possible step will be taken to guarantee the safety of future flights.

Knowing of your concern, I thought you and your students might like to have the enclosed copies of the President's address to the nation on January 28 and his remarks at the Memorial Service in Houston on January 31.

With respect to the other major topic mentioned in your letter, your pride in your first husband's service to this nation is certainly understood and shared by all of us in this Administration. You may be pleased to know that, due to the nature of the sacrifice and service of people like  the Central Intelligence Agency is considering a memorial plaque that would recognize the contributions of these exceptional people. The plaque would be dedicated immediately after the agency occupies its new building. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the CIA so that the appropriate officials there are fully apprised of your thoughts.

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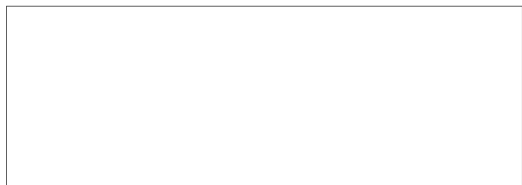
I hope you find this information helpful. Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the President, and thank you for awaiting this delayed response to your letter.

With the President's best wishes to you and your students,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

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February 18, 1986

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

My students and I would like to thank you for the consoling words concerning the tragic Challenger flight. I had corresponded with Christa McAuliffe, so my girls felt a personal loss. I was pleased that many of the sympathy letters expressed a vote of confidence for NASA and space flight in general.

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Each year as a study in American history, we take our sixth grade class to Williamsburg and Washington and always enjoy the White House and the Capitol. This year

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was kind enough to visit the girls.

Thank you, Mr. President, for claiming the American family as a national resource. Mrs. Reagan has shown the nation she is of the "right stuff," to weather "in style" an attempted assassination on her husband's life as well as hosting normal family concerns, to which we all can relate. As a fellow clothes "collector," I send my vote to your dear wife as she sets both an elegant and eloquent style. (And your son was definitely a talented host on Saturday Night Live.) With a healthy sense of humor, our problems of day-care, prayer in school, and abortion can be attacked with enthusiasm. Addressing daily problems such as divorce, television, and transient life styles must be met by competent, compassionate leaders such as yourself.

Since my father was a numismatist and stamp collector, I was pleased to read that our Texas Sesquicentennial will be recognized with a commemorative stamp. I feel fortunate to have been raised in Texas and to have had the privilege to travel in the Orient and Europe. Communication with both our friends and co-world inhabitants must exist--for our children to come.

In room 245, we believe poets are peacemakers and that doctors and lawyers and presidents are better people for having the words of society recorded by these wise men and women. Poets take time to see the smiles in children's eyes; poets listen to grief as it falls on saddened faces. Poets in their silence seek answers; in the quiet they find peace. Your countenance speaks a poetic nature as you lead our great nation. As Christa McAuliffe did, you, too, have taken "the road less traveled."

Sincerely yours,



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